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In re application of Lippard et al.	:	
	:	Title:
Group Art Unit 1742	:	COBALT-NICKEL-CHROMIUM-
	:	MOLYBDENUM ALLOYS WITH
Serial No. 10/656,918	:	REDUCED LEVEL OF TITANIUM
	:	NITRIDE INCLUSIONS
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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